

## ***Meeting Notes***

### ***USAAV Criminal Justice Committee***

DATE: April 30, 2003

TIME: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

State Capitol Building

Room 129

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*Present: Susan Burke, John Eddington proxy for Barry Jamison, Hunter Finch, Brent Kelsey, Diane Ngatuvai and Kirk Torgensen*

*Guests: Kent Miner, Kevin Okleberry and Marjean Searcy*

#### **I. Welcome and Chair's Report**

**Kirk Torgensen**

Kirk outlined the strategic plan for the 2004 forfeiture bill. A graph is being created in the Attorney General's office to map progress as chiefs, sheriffs and county attorneys meet with their local legislators. Mark Shurtleff is making a presentation to the legislators in May. Letters of support from key agencies will be placed in book form and distributed to each legislator. Kirk is meeting with the State Drug Court Board on June 27<sup>th</sup>, and expressed willingness to meet with any group at any time regarding the issue. He noted that forfeiture could help offset the cost of the nearly thirty operating drug courts in the State of Utah. There is currently over \$5 million in asset forfeiture monies being held by the federal government.

Susan reported that the Anti-Violence Committee will focus their efforts on the grassroots level, particularly focusing on PTA and the local school districts. A one page brief is needed for the average citizen.

**Action:** Brent Kelsey will get a letter of support from substance abuse providers. Susan will work through Tibby Milne to set up a meeting with PTA leadership. Kirk offered Attorney General's office assistance in creating a one page brief for distribution.

#### **II. Meth Lab Clean Up - Draft Language**

**Susan Burke**

Susan presented a draft bill for Meth Lab Clean Up. The committee made suggested revisions. Salt Lake Valley Health Dept. (SLVHD) is getting calls from potential home buyers asking how to test for methamphetamine. The Salt Lake area averages one meth lab per day.

**Action:** Susan will work with SLVHD to make revisions to the bill. The Department of Environmental Quality would also be invited to discuss the bill. Kirk is working on setting up a presentation with the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee in October.

#### **III. Club Drug Agency Update Reports**

Diane gave an overview on the handout listing agency progress on the club drug summit recommendations. Some recommendations have been implemented, however, lack of funding is an issue.

**Action:** Diane will continue to follow up with those that have not yet responded before the June meeting.

#### **IV. Other Business**

The Drug Court RFPs are due on May 20<sup>th</sup>, there is \$1.5 million available.

**Next Meeting Schedule:** Wednesday, June 25 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. in room 225 of the State Capitol.